Renovation of Zoological Garden at Nandan Kanan

3849. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal for renovation of the Zoological Garden at Nandan Kanan in Orissa;

(b) if so, the fund proposal submitted by the State Government; and

(c) the details of funds sanctioned by Government for the renovation, revival and beautification of Nandan Kanan Zoological Garden?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) After the super cyclone in Orissa, the State Government had sought assistance of Rs. 151.56 lakhs for reconstruction/repair of various animal housing and upkeep facilities in Nandan Kanan Zoo. An amount of Rs. 134 lakhs has been released by the Central Zoo Authority.

Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary

3850. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received from Orissa from Government as well as non-Government side, regarding the need to declare the Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary and adjoining areas as a Project Tiger Reserve; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether specific efforts are being made for tiger conservation in the Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary by the Central and State Government;

(c) whether there have been any reports of tiger poisoning in the sanctuary in 2000 and 2001; and

(d) what steps have been taken towards earmarking the area as a Project Tiger Reserve?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Government of Orissa has been making